

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing products, the method comprising:
receiving, at a first automatic product/service dispensing machine at a location in a micronetwork of proximally located diverse automatic product/service dispensing machines, a request for an item by a user;
receiving at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, a payment device of the user, wherein the payment device includes identity information;
responsive to a determination that the item is unavailable at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, providing the user with redirection information regarding a location of at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine in the micronetwork at which the item may be obtained;
requesting the user to select a second automatic product/service dispensing machine among the at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine;
responsive to the user selecting the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, providing the identity information and notice of a discount value to be given to the user for the item to the second automatic product/service dispensing machine; and
responsive to receiving the payment device of the user at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, the second automatic product/service dispensing machine dispensing the item and deducting the discount value ~~an amount~~ from ~~[[the]]~~ a price of the item, wherein the user is charged a reduced price for the item at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine.

2-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable media for use in a data processing system for providing products, the computer program product comprising:
first instructions for receiving, at a first automatic product/service dispensing machine at a location in a micronetwork of proximally located diverse automatic product/service dispensing machines, a request for an item by a user;
second instructions for receiving at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, a payment device of the user, wherein the payment device includes identity information;

third instructions, responsive to a determination that the item is unavailable at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing the user with redirection information regarding a location of at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine in the micronetwork at which the item may be obtained;

fourth instructions for requesting the user to select a second automatic product/service dispensing machine among the at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine;

fifth instructions, responsive to the user selecting the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing the identity information and notice of a discount value to be given to the user for the item to the second automatic product/service dispensing machine; and

sixth instructions, responsive to receiving the payment device of the user at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for the second automatic product/service dispensing machine to dispense the item and deduct the discount value ~~an amount~~ from ~~[[the]]~~ a price of the item, wherein the user is charged a reduced price for the item at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine.

13-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A system for providing products, the system comprising:

means for receiving, at a first automatic product/service dispensing machine at a location in a micronetwork of proximally located diverse automatic product/service dispensing machines, a request for an item by a user;

means for receiving at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, a payment device of the user, wherein the payment device includes identity information;

means, responsive to a determination that the item is unavailable at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing the user with redirection information regarding a location of at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine in the micronetwork at which the item may be obtained;

means for requesting the user to select a second automatic product/service dispensing machine among the at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine;

means responsive to the user selecting the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing the identity information and notice of a discount value to be given to the user for the item to the second automatic product/service dispensing machine; and

means responsive to receiving the payment device of the user at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for the second automatic product/service dispensing machine to

dispense the item and deduct the discount value ~~an amount~~ from ~~[[the]]~~ a price of the item, wherein the user is charged a reduced price for the item at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine.

24-33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the payment device comprises one of a smart card, credit card, charge card and debit card.

35. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the payment device comprises one of a smart card, credit card, charge card and debit card.

36. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the payment device comprises one of a smart card, credit card, charge card and debit card.